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March 4, 2008

The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison  
United States Senate  
284 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Hutchison:

On behalf of the Western States Water Council, representing eighteen western states and their governors, we would like to commend you for your efforts in reintroducing legislation to addressing the Nation's need for a weather modification and mitigation policy. In the 109th Congress, we strongly supported enactment of federal legislation, with the recognition of the need to ensure compliance with applicable state laws.

We look forward to working with you both, and with the Congress and Administration to see that appropriate legislation is enacted, implemented and funded to finally establish a coordinated national program to further develop the science and apply that science to mitigate adverse weather-related events in the future and enhance snow water resources for the benefit of myriad water users threatened by increasing climate uncertainties.

Many of our member states are actively engaged in weather modification and mitigation related research, development and operational programs. While there are important scientific questions that remain to be answered, scores of programs operated at the state and local level demonstrate the viability of such projects – and call for greater technical and financial assistance from the federal government to fully realize the potential of this technology.

Sincerely,

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100 Cannon House Office Building  
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